GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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POLLUTION DUE TO HOSPITAL WASTES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the hospital waste has become the biggest danger in view of environment in all metropolitan cities; and

(b) if so, the schemes started or being considered by the Government to check pollution generated by hospital waste ?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTES (SHRI T.R. BALU)

(a & b) Proper collection, segregation, transportation, storage, treatment and disposal of bio-medical wastes is a major challenge facing all the metropolitan cities. In order to regulate bio-medical wastes, the Government of India has notified Bio-medical Wastes (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998.The management of bio-medical wastes has been identified as one of the thrust areas. Governments of all the States and Union Territories have been requested to take immediate steps to enforce the Bio-medical Wastes Rules. Awareness campaigns have also been launched to make people aware of the dangers of improper handling of bio-medical wastes.